

## Today's News - October 2, 2002

We open today with one of the most caustic attacks we have yet found on the Ground Zero shortlist (and modern architecture in general, it seems)...a must-read! – There's much to learn about U.N. politics in its architecture in a catchy analysis from Canada. – Three gripes about smart growth. – Scottish developers lacking imagination waste young design talent. – You'll need a scorecard to keep track of the changing teams on a big Baltimore project. – Houses of mud - a solution trying to catch on. – A call to raise the bar for homegrown architectural talent in Nigeria. – Singapore is clamoring for great architectural icons...and much more.

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